University Assessment Committee Meeting-January 9, 2013

Attendance:

Barbara Kopp Miller  Llew Gibbons  Marlene Porter
Penny Poplin Gosetti  Suzanne Spacek  Suzanne Pocotte
Brian Ashburner  Holly Monsos  Marilynne Wood
Linda Smith  Terribeth Gordon-Moore  Barbara Schneider
Chris Roseman  Erin Harper  Alana Malik
Ken Davis  Sue Ann Hochberg  Jessica Spradley (Guest of Alana Malik)

Vice Provost Report – Penny Poplin Gosetti

• We are very pleased to announce that Alana Malik has accepted the position of the Learning Outcomes Assessment Specialist in the Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Program Review. Alana’s official start date is Monday, January 14, 2013.

• As many of you know, Provost Scott Scarborough released the Imagine 2017 Strategic Plan on December 17th. You can view the PPT here. Assessment is an important piece of the new Strategic Plan, and it will continue to play a preeminent role in the future of the University of Toledo. Several new colleges will be developed as a result of the new plan. In order to represent the newly formed colleges, we will add assessment liaisons to the UAC.

• General Education Assessment: The state of Ohio has recently released guidelines concerning general education courses. In short, all general education courses must align with the Ohio Transfer Module (OTM). For more information about the OTM, please refer to the website. The University of Toledo has been working diligently to align our general education courses with the new state guidelines. However, this transition has slowed the process of assessing courses.

The committee had an overall discussion about the assessment letters that will be sent to each college dean/unit head. Each liaison was asked to review their respective letter and make any comments or corrections necessary. We will make final adjustments and e-mail the letters to liaisons for final approval. If you have any final corrections, please contact erin.harper@rockets.utoledo.edu as soon as possible.

Presentations:

Library – Marlene Porter
College of Law – Llew Gibbons

Training and Development Committee Update – Barbara Schneider, Chair

The following are training needs that the committee has identified:
1. **SLOs:**
   - Many are not measurable.
   - Same for undergraduate and graduate.
   - Not mapped to assessment tool or strategy.
   - No clear link to curricular components.

2. **Assessment strategies:**
   - Many programs need to develop rubrics to provide consistency across sections.
   - Some units still relying on grades instead assessing against the SLO.
   - Many units need guidance on how to report assessment results.

3. **Interdisciplinary programs:**
   - No identifiable SLOs for the program.
   - No method of evidence collection.
   - No one person, department, or entity responsible for assessment.
   - Do not modify or enhance based on information garnered from assessment.

4. **Evidence-based change:**
   - Programs, curriculum committees all need to begin using assessment results as part of their curricular review.

**Announcements/Reminders:**

- February presentations by Barbara Schneider, Alana Malik, and Terribeth Gordon-Moore.
- Final reminder: the Ad Hoc Awards Committee has been formed to honor outstanding assessment programs and corresponding reports. If you have a nomination, please let us know as soon as possible! Send your nominations to erin.harper@rockets.utoledo.edu.
- Next meeting date: 2/6/2013, 1:30-3:00p.m., in GH 3050.